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Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the memorandum issued following the consultations held in Bucharest on 18 February 1993, between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, as riparian States of the Danube river, regarding the implementation of the Security Council sanctions imposed on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

We would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Memorandum on the consultations between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine concerning the implementation on the Danube river of the sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

On 18 February 1993, consultations were held in Bucharest between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, as riparian States of the Danube river, in connection with the implementation of sanctions established by the Security Council.

The consultations were attended by customs, transport and border guard experts from the three countries and by representatives of the Economic Community/Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe sanctions assistance missions.

During the meeting, a comprehensive exchange of views on the application of sanctions on the Danube was held. The parties considered that sanctions were an integral part of the international efforts for the peaceful settlement of the crisis in the former Yugoslavia and their strict implementation by all countries would contribute to the speedy solution of the crisis. In that respect, the participants reiterated the determination of their countries to act in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 757 (1992) and 787 (1992) as well as with the consolidated guidelines for their implementation, adopted by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991).

The determination expressed in the statement of the Government of Romania of 27 January 1993 (S/25189), the statement of the Government of Bulgaria of 1 February 1993 (S/25213) and in the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of Ukraine of 29 January 1993 (S/25195) was reaffirmed to further strictly comply with Security Council resolutions 713 (1991), 757 (1992) and 787 (1992). The parties stressed that the competent authorities in their countries would continue to coordinate their actions with a view to applying the sanctions and would take practical measures aiming at improving their collaboration.

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the three countries will continue to assist their competent national authorities in the implementation of sanctions on the Danube river and, in their turn, will cooperate among themselves with a view to increasing the efficiency of measures taken. They will also actively cooperate with the sanctions assistance missions. They also welcome the appointment of a Economic Community/Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe coordinator in this matter. The parties expressed their hope to receive as soon as possible the technical assistance required under paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 787 (1992), aimed at improving the technical capacity of the competent national institutions involved in monitoring the implementation of sanctions on the Danube river.

The representative of the three ministries considered also the possibilities to improve the direct collaboration of Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine within the United Nations in this specific field. It was agreed that Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine will proceed to joint démarches in requesting more substantial support from the United Nations in connection with the efforts of riparian States that apply the relevant Security Council resolutions. The Permanent Missions of the three countries to the United Nations will jointly act in matters related with the fulfilment of their responsibility, as riparian States in monitoring international navigation on the Danube river.

The parties took note of the reference made in the statement by the President of the Security Council on 10 February 1993 where it is recalled that, under Article 103 of the Charter, the obligations of the Members of the United Nations under the Charter prevail over their obligations under any other international agreement.

The participants emphasized the considerable losses the parties are suffering as a result of the sanctions imposed on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Reference was made to Article 50 of the Charter and to the report entitled "An agenda for peace" (S/24111) submitted by the Secretary-General to the forty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly. In this respect, the parties expressed their willingness to act by addressing the matter in the Security Council, in the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization as well as in other competent United Nations bodies with a view to finding the best ways to solve their problems and to alleviate the serious economic difficulties caused by compliance with Security Council resolutions 757 (1992) and 787 (1992). The participants considered to undertake some practical steps to this effect.

The representatives of the three Ministries of Foreign Affairs expressed the readiness of their countries to continue consultations and cooperation between their competent institutions in the implementation of the sanctions on the Danube river.

The three parties agreed to make public and to submit the present memorandum to the United Nations Security Council.